

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS

Special Called Council Meeting

April 6, 1981
10:00 A.M.

Council Chambers
301 West Second Street

The meeting was called to order with Mayor McClellan presiding.

Roll Call:

Present: Mayor McClellan, Councilmembers Cooke, Goodman, Himmelblau,
Mullen, Mayor Pro Tem Trevino

Absent: None

Mayor McClellan opened the meeting scheduled for 10:00 A.M., stating that this was a Special Called Meeting for the purpose of canvassing the results of the General Municipal Election held April 4, 1981.

Mayor McClellan thanked all those who had helped to make the election run smoothly.

The following precincts were then reviewed:

Councilmember Cooke	Precinct 342 - Okay
Councilmember Himmelblau	Precincts 335 and 334 Okay
	Precinct 328 discrepancy. 797 count on print out 795 count on poll list
	Precinct 329 discrepancy. 974 count on print out 968 count on poll list

Election Judge Jimmy Barho stated City Clerk Grace Monroe verified totals to be 795. Two ballots were invalidated. This was for Precinct 328. For 329 the poll list showed 968. Ballots were put through the computer twice. Three were thrown out and three people had not signed.

Councilmember Mullen	Precinct 331 discrepancy
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Mr. Barho stated there are 869 votes in the print-out as opposed to 867 on the signature sheet. They have been counted twice and have no explanation.

Councilmember Cooke	Precinct 342 discrepancy 1135 on print out 1136 on poll list
	Precinct 341 discrepancy 2228 on print out 2238 on poll list

Mr. Barho explained the computer tabulation count for 342 was 1135, their poll list shows 1136. Their transmittal sheet showed 1137 on their summary. 1137 was correct because two ballots were thrown out and voided by their own record, so 1135 is correct. Poll list for 341 was 2235. They showed that with 0 ballots thrown out, but it was really 2238 with three names missing on page 14 of the poll list. What happened, when they tallied 50 to a page they forgot to omit minus 3 on page 14. The only explanation we can give on the rest of the difference is that the cards just were not in the ballot box. We ran the box twice. There is a difference of seven. Councilmember Cooke said he feels that 341 is too large and should be divided.

Councilmember Goodman

Precinct 345 discrepancy
802 on print out
803 on poll list

Mr. Barho stated 803 is correct. One ballot was thrown out. On transmittal sheet they did not so state.

Councilmember Goodman

Precinct 344 - Okay

Precinct 327
906 on print out
912 on poll list

Mr. Barho stated there were 6 votes thrown out by their own record per transmittal sheet but not changed on total.

Councilmember Goodman

Precinct 325
no number on transmittal sheet

Mr. Barho said there were several things wrong with the box. As far as data transmission all was fine, but they left stubs in the box, computer count was 940, precinct count according to transmittal sheet was 936.

Councilmember Goodman

Precinct 322 - Okay
Precinct 320 - one vote
difference

Mr. Barho stated on 320, page 27 of the poll list was missing and precinct judge had to bring it down to City Hall. Poll list showed 1366, transmittal sheet 1369 and computer, run twice, was 1368.

Councilmember Mullen asked about Precinct 332

Mr. Barho said computer count 1212, precinct count was 1206 with 0 thrown out but there was an error in their summary. They had five write-in votes, plus one additional card on page 1b, line 33 there were two names for a total of 1212. There were five write-ins and when they totaled their summary they did not add them in. Also, one card did not show up.

Councilmember Cooke

Precinct 337 - Okay
Precinct 336
344 poll list
343 print out

Mr. Barho said there was no total on transmittal sheet submitted. The box was run twice for 343.

Councilmember Himmelblau

Precinct 421 - Okay

Councilmember Cooke again discussed Precinct 341. He said he is concerned about it. It is a large box with a lot of people voting and the room for error is there but he is disturbed about an error of 7. He can't recall ever before being off that much when reviewing boxes. Mr. Barho told Council that 52% of the precincts were run twice, even for one vote. Precinct 341 had the most discrepancy. Councilmember Cooke said it is a very big box and he does not know how their organization is but in the run-off "we need to see if we can assist that judge and that box to prevent a reoccurrence." Mr. Barho said there was one other box with a large error, but all in all the discrepancies were one vote between the transmittal sheet and the print out. "The biggest problem appears to be with the precinct in being able to fill out the transmittal summary sheet. It evidently is confusing for them to tally and reconcile back to actual card count because there are several things they have to allow for..the write-in votes, the invalidated ballots, and the different conditions that come up." Mr. Jerry Harris, City Attorney, said the run off will be much simpler. There will be no write-in's and County will not be holding an election on the same day. Mr. Barho said this has been the most difficult election he has worked in as far as the tallying is concerned. Mrs. Grace Monroe, City Clerk, stated the complaint in her office over and over was the combining of the two elections. It was difficult for the judges to divide the two elections....holding two elections with only one set of judges.

Councilmember Mullen

Precincts 333 and 334 - Okay

Mayor Pro Tem Trevino

Precincts 346, 326 and 324 - Okay

Precinct 321 and 323 have a discrepancy of one vote

Precinct 321

694 on print out
695 on poll list

Precinct 323

828 on print out
829 on tally

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Mr. Barho explained that some lines were blank on the signature sheets, but had been counted in as 50 names to a page.

Motion

Councilmember Mullen moved that the Council adopt a resolution verifying the results of the General Municipal Election held on April 4, 1981 as follows:

MAYOR

Gary Edward Johnson	722
Bob Binder	26,403
Carole Keeton McClellan	24,066
Richard Shield	390
William M. -Bud- Ashwood	125
Jack McCreary	17,915

COUNCIL, PLACE NO. 1

Michael -Max- Nofziger	1,730
Mike Guerrero	16,008
Bob Duke	22,251
Larry Deuser	28,021

COUNCIL PLACE NO. 2

Louis Henna	28,115
Roger Duncan	39,515

COUNCIL PLACE NO. 3

Carl Hickerson-Bull	2,166
Steve Shepardson	2,384
Ron Mullen	40,428
Marcus De Leon	22,485

COUNCIL PLACE NO. 4

Joan Bartz	15,349
Rollin Macrae	14,130
Richard Goodman	38,041

COUNCIL PLACE NO. 5

John Trevino Jr.	41,001
Mark Rose	21,374
Henry Palma	4,714

COUNCIL PLACE NO. 6

Marvin C. Griffin	13,340
Bertha Means	14,441
Randolph G. Mueller	10,880
Charles Urdy	28,800

and the following named persons are hereby declared duly elected and authorized to qualify for the positions as indicated for a two-year term commencing May 15, 1981:

Councilman Place 2	Roger Duncan
Councilman Place 3	Ron Mullen
Councilman Place 4	Richard Goodman
Councilman Place 5	John Trevino Jr.

The motion, seconded by Councilmember Cooke, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor Pro Tem Trevino, Mayor McClellan, Councilmembers Cooke, Goodman, Himmelblau, Mullen
Noes: None

Mayor McClellan introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE ORDERING A RUNOFF ELECTION TO BE HELD IN THE CITY OF AUSTIN ON MAY 2, 1981 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING TWO COUNCILMEN AND A MAYOR OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN FOR A TERM OF TWO YEARS BEGINNING MAY 15, 1981; PROVIDING FOR POLLING PLACES; PROVIDING FOR HOURS OF ABSENTEE VOTING; PROVIDING FOR A SPECIAL CANVASSING BOARD; PROVIDING FOR THE USE OF AN ELECTRONIC VOTING SYSTEM; PROVIDING FOR PROPER NOTICE AND SUCH OTHER ASPECTS AS ARE INCIDENT AND RELATED TO THE PURPOSE OF THIS ORDINANCE; SUSPENDING THE RULE REQUIRING THE READING OF AN ORDINANCE ON THREE SEPARATE DAYS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Councilmember Mullen moved that the Council waive the requirement for three readings, declare an emergency and finally pass the ordinance effective immediately. The motion, seconded by Councilmember Cooke, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor McClellan, Councilmembers Cooke, Goodman, Himmelblau, Mullen, Mayor Pro Tem Trevino
Noes: None

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

Candidates are as follows:

Mayor	Carole Keeton McClellan Bob Binder
Councilman Place 1	Bob Duke Larry Deuser
Councilman Place 6	Bertha Means Charles Urdy

ADJOURNMENT

Council adjourned its meeting at 10:45 A.M.

APPROVED: Carole Keeton McClellan
Mayor

ATTEST:

Grace Monson
City Clerk